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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM-C

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ON 4/17/65, [redacted] ADVISED THAT BAYARD RUSTIN WAS DISCUSSING KING/S PHYSICAL CONDITION WITH TWO OTHER PEOPLE. RUSTIN SAID HE TALKED TO THE DOCTOR WHO FEELS IT IS FATIGUE.

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[redacted] WHEN THE OTHER PERSON WAS COMMENTING ON WHETHER IT IS NEUROTIC OR PSYCHOTIC, RUSTIN SAID IT WAS AN EXTREME FORM OF QUOTE NEUROTICISM END QUOTE WHICH ONLY OCCURS DURING PERIODS OF INTENSE FATIGUE. (U)

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(100-442529)

[illegible] : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1767)
(100-153735)

SUBJECT: [illegible] OF [illegible]
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[illegible] INFORMATION

Agency [illegible]
Date Form. APR 21 1965
How Form. [illegible]
By [illegible]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
[illegible]
[illegible] ROUTING
[illegible] (S) OF [illegible]
DATE [illegible]

[illegible] 4/15/65, captioned, "[illegible] OF [illegible], GROUP OF UNDER COVER AGENTS, [illegible] HARVARD ROBIN, [illegible] WASHINGTON DC [illegible] WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT."

[illegible] are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum [illegible]

[illegible] ENCLOSED ARE

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AND FIELD OFFICES
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[illegible]-100-[illegible] ([illegible] WILSON) (42)
[illegible]-100-[illegible] (MARTIN LUTHER KING) (42)
[illegible]-100-[illegible] (HARRY [illegible]) (42)
[illegible]-100-[illegible] (SOLO) (42)
[illegible]-100-[illegible] (JOHN O. [illegible])
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The source who [illegible] the information in the [illegible] memorandum, [illegible] [redacted] in that order. [redacted] b(2) b7(D)

The officers and characterized individuals in the referenced memorandum are as follows:

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised on 4/15/65, that on that date, [illegible] had an argument with JONES and stated that the "thing" [illegible] mailed. The source could furnish no [illegible] regarding the matter but LEVISON added that [illegible] (probably JOHN DAVIS) had asked for it by Friday [illegible] JONES told LEVISON he would have ANDY (ANDREW YOUNG) call LEVISON as he (YOUNG) could relay the "thing" to "HIM" (probably M.L. KING) by phone. b(2) b7(D) X-(u)

According to the source, LEVISON said he wanted to talk with ANDY anyway because "we" must prepare a letter for the next appeal. LEVISON added that it is vital they know X-(u)

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[illegible] The program is now called Thors Young [illegible]. Jones said [illegible] would be in town on 4/16/65, and he (Jones) warned them [illegible]. Jones said he would be in his office all [illegible] 4/[illegible] [illegible] he could be contacted by [illegible]. He asked [illegible] be explained the urgency of the matter, saying that there are a number of [illegible] questions that must be answered. X (u)

A [illegible] was conducted at LEVISON's office during the [illegible] of 4/16/65, but neither LEVISON nor YOUNG [illegible] been.

[redacted] advised on 4/16/65, that LEVISON and YOUNG did not [illegible].

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The [illegible] memorandum is classified "Secret" [illegible] information from sources [illegible] information which [illegible] [redacted] [illegible] classification be used to protect these valuable sources. u

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New York, New York
April 19, 1965

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REASON FOR EXTENSION 2
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4-19-85

Re: Boycott of Alabama by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Protesting Voter Discrimination
Racial Matters

Communist Influence in Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 15, 1965, that Harry Wachtel and Bayard Rustin were in contact on that date. Wachtel inquired if Rustin would be able to make the announcements at 1:00 P.M., on April 16, 1965, at his (Wachtel's) office. Rustin said he would be able to appear as planned. X (u)

The source also advised on April 15, 1965, that [illegible] Boycott of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was in contact with Bayard Rustin on that date. According to the source, they discussed a "proposed conference with Government officials." In that regard, Rustin said he and Harry Wachtel were concerned. He said the conference should be planned on a tentative basis only, so that they could pull out if things looked badly. Furthermore, Rustin said, they should ensure that King was not placed in a position where he could be criticized for leaving a conference of Government officials without doing anything. X (u)

Young said King was concerned about getting out of this thing. (The Alabama boycott). Blackwell (Randolph Blackwell), Young said, felt that no pressure had been applied in the boycott, but that it was about ready to commence. X (u)

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[illegible] by the
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC) Protesting
[illegible] Demonstration
Middle Harlem

Demonstration Influence on
Middle Harlem
Internal Security - C

[illegible] 1965, a confidential source, who
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised
that Rudy Powell and Clarence Jones were in conference in that date.
Bayard Rustin and Andrew Young and Bayard Rustin were going to
Washington on this date, and as a result, "We have no meeting".
[illegible] 1965 (according to the 1:00 p.m. appointment on
Dr. King's calendar).

On April 16, 1965, this source mentioned heretofore, advised on
April 16, 1965, that Harry Belafonte and Rustin were in
Washington on this date. Belafonte informed Rustin that he
[illegible] a copy of "King's Day Association Talk," and
[illegible] that "King's Day Celebration" (MLKC) would. X (u)

Rustin, in commenting on Rustin's trip to
Washington on this date, implied he knew what to do
(as the meeting with Levy Collins and others).
[illegible] informed him that everyone wanted to go ahead with the
boycott and that King was the only opponent. X (u)

[illegible] reference to King's speech before the
[illegible] Association, on April 15, 1965, a
confidential source, who has furnished
reliable information in the past, advised
that King will be in New York City on
April 21, 1965, to address the New York City
Bar Association.

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[illegible] the Discussing Vice
[illegible] of the Social Science [illegible]
[illegible] 25 [illegible] Street, [illegible],
[illegible] to Possess 20 25 [illegible]
Dance, [illegible] Point, Long Island, New York. (

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[illegible] of the National Negroes
Guild in [illegible] Across. (

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[illegible] to the Social Society for Human
[illegible] is to be so noted that this organization is an
[illegible] of the Southern Christian Leadership
Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther
[illegible] is the president, and serves to
[illegible] for the SCLC.

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Communist Infiltration in Radio Networks

In the Daily Worker, issue of July 11-
[illegible] Beyond Austin is the subject
[illegible] "The Long Wait
[illegible] to
[illegible] New York in 1950, in an organization
[illegible] Communist Party, and as
[illegible] the job of recruiting students for
[illegible] Communism, the article reports
[illegible] Austin
[illegible] to the Party. In
[illegible] the "Party" in 1941, the article
[illegible]

[illegible] pursuant to
[illegible] 1957

[illegible] February 11, 1957, page 1
[illegible] Beyond Austin, Executive
[illegible] Radiovoice Leagues, was an observer
[illegible] National Convention of the
Communist Party, United States of America
(CP, USA), held in New York City, on
January 9-12, 1957.

The Daily Worker was an Red Chinese Communist
publication until it ceased publication on
January 13, 1958.

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[illegible] confidential source, who has furnished
[illegible] information in the past, advised on
[illegible] 19, 1964, that Sylvia Austin
contributed [illegible] on these dates. u

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Statement Prepared by the General Counsel
to the General Society for Human Rights,
25 East 26th Street, New York, N.Y. [illegible]

[redacted] b(1)

The Labor Youth League has been designated
pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," issued and published as of December 1, [illegible] the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, [illegible] contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

"1. [illegible] Communist front. [illegible] Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the Tenth Anniversary National Convention, March 29, 1950, p. 149.)

"2. [illegible] Communist front which [illegible] the [illegible] backbone of the [illegible] Communist front organizations. [illegible] which [illegible] to [illegible] Communist [illegible] and [illegible] Communist [illegible] and [illegible] espionage agents. [illegible] on Un-American Activities, [illegible] Report 1115 on the National [illegible] Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)

"3. To defend the cause of Communist lawbreakers, forces have been devised taking specious appeals in behalf of civil liberties and decency but far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

[redacted]

[illegible] of The
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Racial Matters

Communist Influence in
Racial Matters
Internal Security - C

On February 23, 1955, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [illegible] had been a member of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [illegible] attended a Labor Youth League convention on August 15, 1950, at [illegible] Hall, 1400 Fayetteville Street, [illegible] North Carolina.

The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-57229)(P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM-C
OO: Atlanta

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[redacted]

Re Los Angeles airtel and LHM to Bureau, 3/30/65 concerning a possible appearance by KING at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination with three copies for Atlanta and one copy for Mobile for information.

Los Angeles will follow and report pertinent activity concerning KING's appearance in Los Angeles.

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DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~RAO~~
DATE FORW: 4-22-65
HOW FORW: 6/s
BY: [illegible]

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Los Angeles, California
April 19, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference letterhead memoranda dated March 30, 1965 at Los Angeles concerning a possible appearance by Martin Luther King, Jr. at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

[redacted] advised that King would speak at UCLA on April 27, 1965 under the auspices of the Distingished Speakers Bureau, UCLA, a university program. King is to speak in an open area on the campus and admission will be by ticket only. King may attend a religious conference afterwards on the campus, but plans are not definite in this regard. b7

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM-C
"CIRM".

b7(c) [redacted]

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 4/13/65, captioned

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On 4/20/65, a pretext telephone call was made by SA [redacted] to the office of Sane Nuclear Policy, 14 East 45th Street, New York City, OX 7-2265. An unmale, who identified himself as the Chairman of the New York Council of SANE, stated that this organization is planning a rally which will be held at Madison Square Garden, New York City, probably in the first week of June. He stated this rally is only in the planning stage at this time and the speakers have not yet been determined. He added, however, that it is anticipated there will be speakers from Congress as well as Dr. BENJAMIN SPOCK, NORMAN THOMAS, and others.

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The pretext used [redacted]

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(1 - 100-158790) (BAYARD RUSTIN)
(1 - 100-442529) (CIRM)
(1 - 100-438794) (SCLC)
3 - Atlanta (100-6670) (CIRM) (RM)
(1 - 100-5718) (SCLC)
(1 - 100-5586) (MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR)
1 - New York (100-149194) (COMINFIL SCLC) (41)
1 - New York (100-153735) (CIRM) (42)
1 - New York (100-46729) (BAYARD RUSTIN) (42)
1 - New York (100-133090) (SANE) (41)
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There is no characterization available for SANE, which is a pacifist organization.

New York will remain alert for any information which might indicate KING intends to attend this rally.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

Unrecorded serial dated 4/15/65 pulled from this file under court order of U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith, Jr., and sent to National Archives.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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April 22, 1965

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[redacted]

Miami Beach, Florida

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Dear [redacted]

I received your letter of April 19th and want to thank you for your complimentary comments regarding my work as well as for your prayers. I can assure you I will make every effort to merit your continued approbation.

With respect to your inquiry, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. It is hoped you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy. In addition, I regret I cannot direct you to a source from which you can obtain the information you desire.

Enclosed is some material which I trust you will find informative.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Senator Dodd's remarks on Floor of the Senate 2-25-65
"Our Heritage of Greatness"
U. S. News and Word Report 12-7-64 and 12-21-64
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Miami Beach, Florid
April 19, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Sir;

Would you be able to send me any information, or advise me where it might be available. on the subject of Martin Luther King.

I am a native Georgian and married a native of Birmingham, Alabama. I know from a lifetime of Southern Association with the negro race that it is not them causing these riots, marches, etc. I recall reading that your Bureau had evidence of communist participation.

Many Southern negroes have talked to me in most disparaging ways of Martin L. King. The better class of them are opposed to the man.

I would be most grateful for any information on the background of this trouble making man.

May I take this opportunity to tell you that ~~you are~~ in the minds of most Americans, you are our most revered statesman, and that many prayers are offered up for you and your work.

Most respectfully yours,

[redacted]

Miami Beach, Florida

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MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

FROM : [illegible] Baumgardner

SUBJECT : [illegible]

DATE: 4-14-65

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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b7(c) [redacted]

This memorandum recommends a letter to all offices advising of our policy relative to the receipt of information concerning threats against Martin Luther King, Jr.

b7(c) [redacted]

As you are aware, the Bureau has received a number of complaints concerning threats against King. The volume of these complaints has been steadily increasing as King's activities in the controversial civil rights field are increased and as he gains publicity. Whenever we receive such complaints, we have been advising the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department which covers King's permanent residence. We have also advised the local authorities where the threat is to be carried out when we know of such locale. We have not been advising King.

Because our above-stated policy relative to threats against King is not generally known throughout the field, it has been necessary many times to prepare teletypes, airtels, and occasionally make telephone calls in order to implement Bureau instructions promptly. A letter to all offices advising of our policy and action to take will result in a definite savings in communications costs as well as time and effort of personnel. It will also prompt more timely action.

This Division does not believe that we should in any way change our policy. It is to be noted that we are not in any way responsible for guarding King, and if we lower the bars to the point where we are advising him or his associates, the next thing that will be required of us is that

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we follow-up and provide physical protection. The Bureau should never be put into this humiliating position. It is to be further noted that by memorandum from W. J. Baumgardner to W.C. Sullivan 10-22-64 concerning threats against King we stated our intention to follow the policy of not advising King and the Director approved. We definitely believe that this policy should remain unchanged.

In addition, some of the threats against King are of a nature indicating a possible violation of the Extortion Statutes. These must be handled according to Bureau instructions relating to extortion matters. The field should be reminded of this.

RECOMMENDATION:

Attached for approval is the yellow file copy of a letter to all offices (original on Blastiplate) containing appropriate instructions. After approval, return to Supervisor [redacted] Building, for preparation of the necessary copies and mailing.

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April 21, 1965

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[redacted]

Benton, Illinois

b7(c)

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 15th, and I want to thank you for writing as you did.

Your comments and support are indeed appreciated, and I hope the future activities of this Bureau will continue to merit your approval.

Enclosed is some data I hope you will find informative.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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U. S. News and World Report, 12-21-65
St. Louis Globe Democrat-FBI's Record on Civil Rights, 11-25-64

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J Egar Hoover
Washing D C

Dear Mr Hoover

I think you are doing good work and a fine man to head our FBI and you need all the encurgement you can git think you were wright about Martin Luthr King I ant aganist Negroes But think it is time to put then in their place us white people is setting back and letting then break the law and take over we had Better wake up Before to late.

Ex Prisdent Truman. Said on the Radio King is a troubler maker.

We need more people to speak up like you and Harry S truman

Keep up your good work I and thousand's of people are bhing you 100 P%.

[redacted] Benton Ill [redacted] b7(c)

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J. Edgar Hoover
Washington DC

Dear Mr. Hoover,
I think you are Doing good work and a Fine Man.
To head our FBI
and you need all the
Encouragement you can get
Think how were where
Great Martin Luther King
Got against negroes
But thank it is time to
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Harry S Truman
Keep up your good work
I and those a who are proud
get behind you 100 %

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Date: 4-19-65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (47-2821)

b7(c) [redacted]

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C
THREATS AGAINST KING

ReBUAirtel 4-13-65 requesting explanations and recommendations in connection with the handling of the above-captioned matter.

b7(c) This matter was handled in the Birmingham Office by SA [redacted] who was on sick leave at the time refAirtel was received. He returned from sick leave on Monday morning, 4-19-65, and was required to leave immediately to testify before the Grand Jury at Hayneville, Alabama, concerning the murder of Mrs. VIOLA LIUZZO, who is well-known to the Bureau as the victim in a major Civil Rights investigation.

b7(c) An explanation will be obtained from SA [redacted] immediately upon his return to the Birmingham Office and will be promptly submitted with appropriate recommendations.

cc 808RB.
3-Bureau
2-Birmingham
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Special Agent in Charge

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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Mr. Conrad
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Walters
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Miss Gandy

FBI NEW YORK

5-33PM EST URGENT 4-20-65 MFR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI --6--/100-106670/ AND ATLANTA /100-3586/

------ ATLANTA VIA WASHINGTON ENCODED ----------

FROM NEW YORK /100-136585/

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SECURITY MATTER DASH C.

b(2) b7(D)

[redacted] ADVISED ON MORNING OF FOUR TWENTY,, SIXTYFIVE, THAT CLARENCE JONES WAS IN CONTACT WITH EAL REGARDING A RESERVATION TO ATLANTA. JONES TOLD THAT TWELVE TWENTY FLIGHT FOUR FOUR TWENTY SIXTYFIVE, ENTIRELY BOOKED BUT THAT HE COULD GET A RESERVATION ON THREE PM FLIGHT. JONES SAID HE WOULD GO TO JFK AIRPORT AND ATTEMPT TO BOARD TWELVE TWENTY PM FLIGHT IN EVENT THERE WAS A CANCELLATION.

NYO OF OPINION JONES ENROUTE TO ATLANTA TO MEET WITH KING., HOWEVER, THE SOURCE UNABLE TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFO.

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WA...SML R RELAH

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/20/65

Attached sets forth a threat against Martin Luther King. Boston has advised appropriate authorities, Boston, Massachusetts, and Atlanta will advise the Atlanta Police Department.

We are also advising the Civil Rights Division of the Department and the military intelligence agencies.

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Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
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FBI BOSTON

5:15 PM URGENT 4-20-65 FMM

TO: DIRECTOR (100-106670) AND ATLANTA (100-5586)

FROM: BOSTON (100-35794)

SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ~~SM DASH C~~. OO:ATLANTA.

b7(c) [redacted] Complainant

AT FOUR TWENTY P.M. APRIL TWENTY INSTANT, [redacted] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BOSTON OFFICE AND IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [redacted] [redacted] NAACP*. HE STATED NAACP HAD TODAY RECEIVED SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS THREATENING BODILY HARM TO MARTIN LUTHER KING. HE WAS ADVISED APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED.

BOSTON POLICE, MASS. STATE POLICE AND ONE ZERO EIGHT INTC ADVISED THIS DATE.

Letterhead Memo
/ ~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS WITH COPY TO SECRET SERVICE, BOSTON, MASS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

END

WA...JMS

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AT... TDS

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* NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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cc: Solicitor

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Forsyth
1 - Mr. Ryan

[redacted] b7(c)

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To: SAC, Miami (100-15079)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SM - C

Re: Airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM) 4/15/65, copies to Atlanta.

The first two paragraphs of the LHM report that reservations in the names of Bernard Lee and M. King were made for a 4/12/65 flight to Nassau and that these reservations were used on that day, flight leaving from Miami. It is also reported that subject King and associate (Bernard Lee was King's associate in Miami) departed 4/14/65 for Nassau.

If possible, it is desired that Miami determine who the individuals were who used the 4/12/65 reservations as it appears that subject King and Lee did not leave Miami on 4/12/65.

It is also reported in the LHM that left behind in the rooms occupied by King and Lee at the Miami International Airport Hotel was a statement dated 4/9/65 reflecting a balance due as of that date in the amount of $125.57. This, of course, appears to be a substantial sum considering that King and Lee apparently did not arrive in Miami until 4/7/65.

In the event Miami has an established reliable source who can be approached with full security, it is desired that a full accounting of moneys spent by King and Lee at the Hotel be obtained. Such information should be obtained as number of nights for which rooms were used, expenditures for food,

1 - Atlanta (100-5586)

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expenditures for alcoholic beverages and so forth. This information should be obtained only if it can be done without the possibility of any embarrassment resulting to the Bureau. Under no circumstances must King or unauthorized individuals become aware of the Bureau interest. SECURITY IS PARAMOUNT.

NOTE:

Information concerning moneys spent by King br by Lee desired for its potential for possibility of counterintelligence use. According to reairtel, [redacted] advised that King and another Negro male resided in connecting rooms at the Hotel from 4/7/65 to 4/14/65. [redacted] In view of this information, above inquiry is deemed necessary.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-106670) DATE: 4/21/65

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia (100-46230) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.
SM-C

Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 4/14/65.

The Philadelphia "Inquirer" and "Evening Bulletin" in their editions of 4/18/65 contain brief items indicating KING has been named recipient of the 1965 Humanitarian Award of the Golden Slipper Square Club. KING is scheduled to accept the award and a $1,000 check at a dinner in his honor on 5/3/65 at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia.

Philadelphia will cover as instructed in referenced airtel.

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Date: 4/19/65

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-15079) (P)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SECURITY MATTER - C

[redacted] b7(c)

Re Bu airtel 4/15/65, and Miami airtel and LHM, 4/15/65.

Material found in KING's hotel room, Miami International Airport Hotel, and included in Miami airtel and LHM, 4/15/65, was retained in subject's case file. That material which was not entirely legible as to names, and not readily comprehendible as to handwriting, was not included in LHM. This material was sent Atlanta as enclosure re Miami airtel.

Atlanta advise Bureau re contents of notes as requested in re Bureau airtel.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta (100-5586) (RM)
1 - Miami
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Date: April 16, 1965

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Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-35794)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
SM-C

[redacted] b7(D)

Enclosed for the Bureau are an original and eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

The source is SAC contact [redacted] b7(D) [redacted] the scheduled Boston appearance of Martin Luther King.

His name should be maintained in a confidential status.

Bureau will be kept advised in connection with this matter.

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BY: [illegible]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

April 16, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING

A source who has provided reliable information in the past on April 16, 1965, advised that considerable resentment has arisen among businessmen in Boston concerning the information that Dr. Martin Luther King would lead a march on Boston, Friday, April 23, 1965, against conditions of racial imbalance in this city. This resentment has arisen to a point that it is felt that such a parade is not being conducted in good faith.

The source said that it was felt that in Boston many responsible people who had wished to help and had pledged contributions and money are now withdrawing their pledges because of the scheduled march.

One of the strong movers behind King is Malcolm Peabody, brother of former Governor of Massachusetts, Endicott Peabody. Source also advised that he had learned that Roy Wilkins head of the NAACP and James Farmer, Head of Congress of Racial Equality, had expressed dissatisfaction in that Martin Luther King would be taking funds collected in Boston out of the city.

According to source Wilkins and Farmer felt that their organizations had started the activity against racial imbalance in the Boston schools, and believed that any money collected should be retained in Massachusetts to help out the Negro situation and should not be given to King for use of the Southern Christian Leaders Conference.

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Nashville, Tenn.

[redacted]

3-21, 1965 b7(c)

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I know that Martin Luther King has had several communists associated with him in the last ten years. He was closely associated with several of the leaders at Highlander Folk School, three miles of Monteagle, Tenn. where we have had a summer home from the time before this school started, and James Drawbosky, a communist, was co-founder of this school. I feel sure you must know the names of the persons, who were, at any time communists, who have been associated with Martin Luther King. Would you please give me the names, and positions held by these persons? Oblige

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Date: April 14, 1965

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-35794)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Room 828 RB

REC 61

Re Boston teletype to Bureau dated 4/14/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning a scheduled march and freedom rally at Boston, Massachusetts on 4/23/65 to be led by KING.

A copy of this memorandum is being disseminated locally to the 108th Intelligence Group.

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Bureau will be kept advised of subsequent developments.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

April 14, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING

[redacted], advised that on March 24, 1965, a Mrs. Phyllis Ryan who identified herself as a representative of the Massachusetts Unit of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) [redacted] had signed a contract hiring the Boston Arena for the evening of April 23, 1965. Mrs. Ryan furnished a $200 deposit on the rental of the arena. She stated the arena is to be utilized for a rally at which Dr. Martin Luther King would be the principal speaker. No admission is to be charged and the general public is invited to attend. b7(D)

On April 13, 1965, the news service of WHDH-TV Boston, Massachusetts at 11:00 p.m. showed a short interview of the Reverend Virgil A. Wood, President of the Massachusetts Southern Christian Leadership Conference in which Reverend Wood announced that Martin Luther King, Jr. would lead a march on April 23, 1965 from the Carter Playground, Roxbury to the Boston Common for the purpose of protesting racial imbalance and slum housing in the Roxbury area of Boston, Massachusetts. Reverend Wood stated that the march would start at 9:30 a.m. and on reaching Boston Common a freedom rally would be held.

The April 14, 1965, edition of the Boston Herald, a daily newspaper published in Boston, Massachusetts carried an article concerning the proposed march which contains substantially the same information as set out above. In addition the article states the march and freedom rally will replace a rally originally scheduled in the Boston arena.

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Speakers in the Boston Common will include Dr. Ralph Abernathy who will discuss the civil rights in the South and Mrs. Ruth Babson of Roxbury, Massachusetts who will discuss the civil rights situation locally.

The article states that the Reverend John Harmon, Treasurer of the local branch of SCLC, announced that this group hopes to present Dr. King with a gift of $100,000 when Dr. King arrives in Boston. SCLC has currently raised $19,796 towards this sum.

[redacted] Massachusetts State Police, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that the Office of the Governor of Massachusetts has been unable to determine the plans of Martin Luther King in regard to his coming visit to Boston on April 23, 1965. Inquiries made by the Governor's Office of the local branch of the SCLC indicate that that group is not aware itself when King will arrive beyond the fact that he will be in Boston on April 23, 1965. b7(c)

[redacted] Boston Police Department, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that Reverend Virgil Wood and Mrs. Phyllis Ryan, both of SCLC and himself were in conference on this date concerning the plans for the expected arrival of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Boston. [redacted] stated that all phases of the plan are not yet definite, however, the following has been worked out. b7(c)

Dr. King will arrive at East Boston Airport on the morning of April 22, 1965, between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. He will be escorted to the Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, where he will spend Thursday night.

Dr. Ralph Abernathy and several other persons will have already taken up residence at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel on the afternoon of April 21, 1965 and the Boston Police Department will institute security measures at that hotel at 6:00 p.m. on the afternoon of April 21, 1965.

From the Sheraton Plaza Hotel Dr. King will travel to local SCLC Headquarters, 288 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts where he will hold a press conference at 12:30 p.m.

On the morning of April 23, 1965, Dr. King will breakfast at the Midtown Motor Lodge, 220 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, at 9:30 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. the formation of the line of march will take place at Carter Playground, Columbus Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts. Dr. King will lead the march which will proceed down Columbus Avenue turning left on Massachusetts Avenue and right on Huntington Avenue. The march will continue from Huntington Avenue up Boylston Street turning left on Washington Street and again left on School Street, continuing up Beacon Street to Charles Street where the parade will enter Boston Common and proceed to the Parkman Bandstand. The rally will commence at 1:00 p.m.

Barrels will be placed in strategic spots on Boston Common and people will be asked to drop donations of money in these barrels. At the conclusion of the rally Dr. King will leave for Logan International Airport from where he expects to depart between 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on April 23, 1965.

[redacted] advised that the only problem that the SCLC Committee foresees is the probable appearance of the so-called "Polish Freedom Fighter" Jozef Mlot-Mzor. b7(c)

The Committee have asked the Boston Police to prevent Mlot-Mzor from disrupting the rally.

A source which furnished reliable information in the past on April 14, 1965, furnished substantially the same information concerning the SCLC plans for a march on freedom rally on April 23, 1965.

In addition this source advised that on April 19, 20, and 21, 1965, the SCLC plans to have a truck travel through Roxbury accompanied by numerous young girls who will canvass the Roxbury section door to door seeking donations for Dr. Martin Luther King. As received these donations will be deposited in the barrel on the truck.

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Date: 4/12/65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (62-751) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7(c)
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)
MARTIN LUTHER KING
~~Re Bureau airtel 4/4/65 and mytel 4/8/65.~~

Transmitted herewith are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned individual.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that no information has been developed to show any KKK or other hate-type group has any membership in the Panama City, Florida, area. Jacksonville Office indices were negative concerning captioned individual.

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Jacksonville, Florida
April 12, 1965

RE: [redacted]
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

Special Agent [redacted] United States Secret Service, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation April 4, 1965, that on that day he received a collect call, which he refused to accept, from the captioned individual. He said the captioned individual definitely sounded intoxicated and merely mentioned that he had information regarding an assassination attempt on Martin Luther King.

[redacted]

Panama City, Florida Police Department, advised [redacted] who is also known as [redacted] and [redacted] has been arrested on several occasions by the Panama City Police Department and the Bay County Sheriff's Office, Panama City, for charges of driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, drunk, and uttering a forged instrument, and from fingerprints submitted this man has been identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation [redacted]

[redacted] advised he has talked with this individual on several occasions and has been impressed this man constantly drinks to excess and appears to be mentally incompetent and to have hallucinations.

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[redacted]

PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

[redacted] advised files of her office reflect [redacted] formerly resided at [redacted] and has given the [redacted] which is the [redacted] and in May, 1964, the [redacted] received information this individual might be located through [redacted]

[redacted] advised her husband allows [redacted] to sleep in [redacted] shop on [redacted] but that he does not come to her home and has received no mail at this address.

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[redacted] was located at the [redacted] Panama City, April 8, 1965, and at that time he advised SA [redacted] that he had been drinking that day. He said he had telephoned "LBJ" and told him that Martin Luther King was going to be assassinated on "Saturday". He stated he would refuse to furnish any information on his source of information and he said he was not involved, and he then said that Governor Wallace of Alabama was going to kill King on Saturday and had told him that he was going to kill King at Selma. He said [redacted] knew all about this and he had talked to [redacted] about it.

[redacted] he has had no personal association with [redacted] for almost 30 years and knew from reputation that [redacted] is a drunkard. [redacted] said he had heard of no plot to assassinate Martin Luther King and would attribute any such comment from [redacted] as a drunken hallucination.

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PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

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RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-136585)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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On 4/6/65, [redacted] furnished details of a conversation between STANLEY LEVISON and CLARENCE JONES on that date which was originated by LEVISON. Their conversation concerned LEVISON's advice to KING about KING's proposed boycott of Alabama given when he met KING at the Selma benefit in NYC on Sunday night, 4/5/65; also the program adopted by the SCLC at its conference in Baltimore on 4/23/65. (U)

There are enclosed for the Bureau five copies of a letterhead memorandum containing this information.

The following sources were used in characterizations in this letterhead memorandum:

Source	Characterization
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1-New York (100-149194) (SCLC) (#41)
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New York, New York
April 9, 1965

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Security Matter-C

The "New York World Telegram," April 5, 1965, Page 3, comments on the "Broadway Answers Selma" benefit held at the Majestic Theatre, New York City, on Sunday night, April 4, 1965. It noted that the Reverend Martin Luther King was given a deafening ovation by the 1800 present when he walked into the theatre. U

A confidential source advised on April 6, 1965, that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. He said that he saw Martin at the benefit on Sunday night, that Martin called him over and sought his opinion on the boycott (economic boycott advocated by Martin Luther King against the State of Alabama). Levison stated that he told King it is not a sound policy, that King should back away from the boycott proposal, and that only new industry going into Alabama should be threatened with a boycott. He said King seemed to agree. Levison added that Bayard (Rustin) had told Roy (Wilkens, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) that the idea came from the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and some Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) people who pushed it on Martin. Jones confirmed this statement. (4)

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Levison remarked that he told King that he is being attacked because they are afraid of his power, that King is a powerful man, and will have to expect this. He asked if Jones was responsible for King naming Ralph (Abernathy) his successor in case something should happen to him. Jones said he was not responsible, that it was Ralph who suggested it, adding that Ralph extracts every bit of blood he can. Levison indicated he was happy that this was not mentioned at a large public gathering. (U)

The source further advised that Jones and Levison discussed the program adopted by the SCLC with Jones remarking that in the future they should have some selectivity as to priority of issues that should be resolved and acted upon during the next period such as April to September. He said he told King they could not drift into the summer without a program. Levison commented that the program adopted in Baltimore (at the SCLC conference) was an enlargement of a program put together by Hosea Williams at the end of 1964. He said this idea of 500 students coming down to 70 counties and working there was upgraded to 5000. (U)

Levison opined that, in the main, it is a good program which should be given thought, but that he has reservations about working in 70 counties. He said that the pattern has been, in the past, that when something happens you concentrate everything in one area, that it is neither safe nor good organization to spread out so far. He added that this should be discussed, that the direction is sound, that each of the counties has a political importance, but that it is a question of how to do it right. Jones remarked that he told King that the main emphasis has to be to achieve legislative recognition and protection of the right to vote and the boycott should be secondary. (U)

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. U

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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Ralph Abernathy is the Treasurer of the SCLC and Hosea Williams is the Voter Registration Director of the SCLC. U

In "The Saturday Evening Post," issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party." Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states. U

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450. U

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

The "Daily Worker," February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957. U

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958. U

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Another confidential source advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak. X - U

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"The New York Times," August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. U

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
April 9, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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Reference is made to memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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April 20, 1965

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[redacted]

Moraga, California

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 10th has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I cannot comment concerning the questions you asked. I know you will understand the necessary reasons for this policy.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles reflect that correspondent has written in November of '64 telling of her support of the Director regarding his stand with Martin Luther King. There is no derogatory information concerning her.

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[redacted], Moraga, California. 4-10-65 b7c

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You were kind enough to answer a letter I wrote you from Atlanta, Ga., congratulating you on your opinion of Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am out here visiting my children and this whole vicinity worships Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have heard that he was brought up in a Communist School in Mount Eagle, Tenn. and I want to ask you please to let me know if this is really true, or just a rumour.

Thanking you for this information, I am,

[redacted] Cordially, [redacted] b7(c)

I have personal friends in Selma who said the things that went on on the outskirts of Selma with white and negro marchers were deplorable.

I never argue with these people - they are too rabid on the subject. I just want to know for my own information, that is, about Martin Luther King, Jr. I think he is the most Godless man I have ever known about.

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4:44 PM EST URGENT 4/14/65 SHR
TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA
FROM MIAMI 141915

SECURITY MATTER-COMMUNIST

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ~~SM-C~~

RE ATLANTA TEL APRIL 9 LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED THIS DATE THAT KING AND ANOTHER COLORED MAN (BERNARD LEE) HAVE BEEN IN CONNECTING ROOMS 602 AND 604, MIA HOTEL, FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. [redacted]

[redacted] SPECIAL AGENTS OBSERVED KING AND ASSOCIATE DEPARTING MIAMI THIS DATE ON PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT 403, 9 A. M., ON 40 MINUTE FLIGHT TO NASSAU. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, [redacted] ADVISED BERNARD LEE AND N. KING HAD RESERVATION, FLIGHT 101, TO NASSAU LEAVING

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MIAMI APRIL 12 LAST. TWO INDIVIDUALS USED THESE RESERVATIONS. RESERVATIONS ALSO EXIST IN THESE NAMES TO RETURN FROM NASSAU TO MIAMI, FLIGHT 102, APRIL 17 NEXT.

1 ~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS.
Letterhead Memo

RECEIVED: 4:58 PM BKM

For Information
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SAC, Denver

4/19/65

Director, FBI

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1 - Mr. Baumgardner (Field Supervisor)
1 - Mr. Forsyth

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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ReDNlet 4/5/65 captioned [redacted] Information Concerning, (Internal Security)," and enclosed letterhead memorandum (LHM) of same date captioned [redacted] Denver, Colorado."

Enclosed for Atlanta are a carbon copy of the LHM and a Xerox copy of the referenced letter.

The LHM related information furnished by [redacted] to a Bureau Agent. The information concerns subject, King, and contains such claims on [redacted] part that the "FBI should discover the plot of communists to entice racists to assassinate King"; "FBI should discover the plot by communists or Black Muslims to kidnap King"; and "King must be convinced of the danger of communist threats."

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Relet stated that [redacted] appeared to be mentally unbalanced, and although no information concerning this possible condition is set out in the LHM, the details of the information he furnished seem to point in that direction. In order to place [redacted] information in its proper perspective it might be well, if possible, to have some information in the LHM which would be a clue as to his condition and, at the same time, not place the Bureau in the position of reportin any conclusions. With this in mind, it is suggested that the Denver Office contact some established reliable source at the [redacted], where [redacted] is employed, and, if possible, obtain some information concerning [redacted] which might be added to the LHM. Utmost discretion and tact should be exercised so as not to give the impression that the Bureau is investigating [redacted]

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1 - Atlanta (100-5586) (Enclosures - 3)

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Afford this matter prompt attention, as the Bureau is holding in abeyance the dissemination of the LHM. If the desired information is obtained, submit amended or additional pages for the LHM to the Bureau and Atlanta.

For Denver's future guidance, note that referenced communications should not have been captioned concerning the source, but rather concerning the primary subject matter of the information which the source supplied.

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL. (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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SAC, Albany

April 19, 1965

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Bland
1 - Mr. Baumgardner

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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This is to advise of Bureau policy and procedures to follow when receiving information relative to threats against the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. In all instances, the Atlanta Office should be expeditiously advised so that the information can in turn be given to the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department which covers King's permanent residence. This applies even though the threat indicates some action will be carried out in an area other than Atlanta. In addition, if the locale where the threat is to be carried out is known, the field office covering the locale should be expeditiously advised so that the information can be promptly furnished to local authorities.

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The Bureau should be expeditiously advised of all threats and the information included in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. If the initial communication (such as a teletype or radiogram) does not include a letterhead memorandum, it should close with a statement that a letterhead memorandum follows. The initial communication should also advise as to what action the submitting office has taken and what, if any, further action it intends to take as well as action which is being requested of any other receiving offices.

Relative to advice to the Secret Service, you should be guided by the instructions contained in SAC Letter 65-10 (G), 3/9/65, "Agreement Between the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Secret Service concerning Presidential Protection." Note particularly the applicability of Appendix B to the Agreement concerning the types of individuals to be referred to the Secret Service. Many of the individuals who make threats against King will fall into category number five of Appendix B.

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In some instances the threat may indicate a possible violation of the Extortion Statutes. In such cases, handle according to Bureau instructions relative to extortion matters, appropriately captioning communications and designating copies for Bufile concerning King.

The foregoing should be brought to the attention of all Agent personnel in your office.

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan, 4-14-65, same caption, [redacted] b7(e)

EX 110

April 13, 1965

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Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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My dear Congressman:

I received your letter of April 7th enclosing a copy of an affidavit made by Karl Prussion.

While I would like to be of service to your constituent, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. Therefore, I trust your constituent will understand why I am not in a position to comment on the contents of the affidavit in question. I would like to point out Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1956, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

I am enclosing literature which I trust will be of interest to your constituent and returning the material you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Our relations with Congressman Gonzalez have been limited. Gonzalez has received support of Communist Party members and sympathizers in his campaigns.

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Honorable Henry B. Gonzalez

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Let's Fight Communism Sanely!
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement
4-1-61 LEB Introduction

HENRY B. GONZALEZ
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

April 7, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a purports affidavit drawn by one Karl Prussion, who claims to be a former "counterspy" and who makes certain allegations.

A constituent has asked me to ascertain whether this man was employed as stated in the affidavit and whether the Bureau of the Department of Justice would care to comment upon its contents.

I will appreciate your help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Henry B. Gonzalez

Henry B. Gonzalez, M.C.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Karl Prussion, a former counterspy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 1947 to 1960, do hereby swear under oath and under penalty of perjury, that from the years 1954 through 1958 I attended five county committee meetings of the Communist Party of Santa Clara County, California. (A county committee meeting of the Communist Party consists of one delegate representing each Communist cell in a county.) The meetings were held during the aforementioned period in the following locations:

> The residence of Robert Lindsay, Communist, in San Jose, California, 1954; the residence of Mary Field, Communist section organizer, Palo Alto, California, 1955; the residence of Isobel and Edwin Gerney, both Communists, Menlo Park, California, 1956; the residence of Gertrude Adler, Communist, Palo Alto, California, 1957; the residence of [illegible] Prussion, counterspy for the F.B.I., Los Altos, California, 1958; the residence of Myra White, Communist, Mountain View, California, 1959.

I hereby further solemnly state that at each and every meeting as set forth above, one [illegible] Zeck, Communist, who is presently secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of San Mateo County, California, and a member of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), presented the directive from the district office of the Communist Party in San Francisco to the effect that:

> "All Communists working within the framework of the NAACP are instructed to work for a change of the passive attitude of the NAACP toward a more militant, demonstrative, class struggle policy to be implemented by sit-ins, demonstrations, marches and protests, for the purpose of transforming the NAACP into an organization for the achievement of Communist objectives."

I further swear to the effect that at each and every one of the aforementioned meetings, one Reverend Martin Luther King was always set forth as the individual to whom Communists should look and rally around in the Communist struggle on the many racial issues.

I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or willingly has accepted support from, over 60 Communist fronts, individuals, and/or organizations, which give aid to or espouse Communist causes

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Karl Prussion

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of [illegible], 19[illegible].

[illegible]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires [illegible]

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1 - Belmont
1 - Mohr
1 - DeLoach

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April 16, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Rosen
1 - Sullivan
1 - Bland
1 - Baumgardner
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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

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My letter to you dated April 2, 1965, furnished information concerning a proposed boycott of Alabama products which had been announced by Martin Luther King, Jr. The following additional information which was furnished by confidential sources of this Bureau who have supplied reliable information in the past may be of interest to the President.

Two frequent advisors of King, Stanley Levison and Clarence Jones, recently conferred concerning the Alabama boycott. Levison indicated that he had met with King on April 4, 1965, at which time King sought Levison's opinion concerning the boycott. Levison stated that he told King it was not a sound policy; that King should back away from the boycott proposal; and that only new industries going into Alabama should be threatened with a boycott. Levison told Jones that King seemed to agree with Levison's advice. (U)

Levison and Jones also discussed a new program recently adopted by King's organization, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, to engage in voter registration activities in a number of southern states during the Summer of 1965. Levison told Jones that he, Levison, had also counseled King concerning this matter. Levison told King to avoid drifting into the summer without a program and while King's program appears to be a good one Levison has reservations about working in seventy counties. Levison does not believe it to be either safe or good from an organizational standpoint to spread out too much. (U)

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This information is also being furnished to the Attorney General and interested officials of the Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

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Classified "Secret" because the source of the basic information, [redacted] is a highly sensitive source of continuing value relative to King and the racial situation. The unauthorized disclosure of the information could endanger the source's security and possibly do injury to the defense interests of the Nation. This information contained in NYairtel and LHM 4-9-65. Separate dissemination being made to the intelligence community.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/13/65

Attached reports offer of $15,000 reward for assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., allegedly made by 4 attorneys in Birmingham. Information being disseminated to Department, Secret Service, Bureau of Narcotics and other interested intelligence agencies.

Since the information was received 3/11/65 and not submitted until 4/8/65, explanations and recommendations are being requested. It is noted, however, that Birmingham did take necessary immediate action in promptly notifying local authorities, Secret Service, and Bureau of Narcotics.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Birmingham (47-2821) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS; THREAT TO KILL
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
[redacted] b7(c)
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and six copies of letterhead memorandum in captioned case. [redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted] on 3-11-65 and was admonished not to claim that he is "employed by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics" when furnishing information. b7(c)

In view of the information developed regarding [redacted] from [redacted], Narcotics Bureau, Birmingham, this case has been closed administratively.

1 copy LHM to: Commissioner Bureau of Narcotics U.S. Treasury Dept. Wash. D.C.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
April 8, 1965

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] advised that five people were planning to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at Birmingham, within the next day or two, and that a reward of $15,000 was being offered to the assassin. [redacted] stated that he, himself, was asked to be one of the assassins, that he was from Washington, D. C., and was "employed" by the Federal Narcotics Bureau.

[redacted]

Washington, D. C., was interviewed at the Sheraton Hotel on [redacted], 1965, [redacted]. He advised that while awaiting an appointment with Attorney [redacted] in [redacted] office on the [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, at approximately 8:00 A.M., [redacted], 1965, he overheard four men in the corridor outsid[redacted] office discussing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and he heard one of the men say that KING should be killed, as he is grooming himself for the presidency and that he is an agitator and should be put out of the way. He stated that the four persons gave him the impression that they were attorneys in Birmingham. He heard one person offer $4,000 toward a fund for an assassin. He heard another offer $6,000 and a third person stated he would make up the difference for $15,000 for an assassin.

He stated that when in Washington, he is used by the Narcotics Bureau of the U. S. Department of the Treasury to investigate narcotic violations in the Washington area. He stated that he is paid in cash by the Government for his work. He also said that he has a brother in Birmingham [redacted]

[redacted]s described as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	[redacted] Alabama
height	6'2"
weight	170 pounds
complexion	Ruddy
hair	Blonde - gray

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
THREAT TO KILL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Eyes Blue
Scars
Social Security #
Arrests

On March 11, 1965, the above information was furnished to ASAC HARVEY HENDERSON, Secret Service Agency, Department of the Treasury.

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Federal Bureau of Narcotics, was also advised of the above information and it was determined that was unknown to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics in Washington, D. C.

The above information was furnished to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and the Birmingham Police Department on March 11, 1965, by SA

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SUBJECT: REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,
Montgomery County, Alabama
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ReNYtel, 3/28/65, captioned as above.

Enclosed are seven copies of LHM captioned as above, concerning the conversation among BAYARD RUSTIN, MARTIN LUTHER KING, HARRY WACHTEL and WALTER FAUNTROY on 3/28/65.

The source of information in the LHM is [redacted]. b(2) b7(

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This LHM is classified "Secret" because it contains information from a highly sensitive source who furnishes information regarding racial question in the NY area and the Communist infiltration thereof.

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Registrars of Voters,
Montgomery County, Alabama
Voting Discrimination
Civil Rights; Election Laws

Communist Influence in Racial Matters
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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information on March 28, concerning a conference held that day among the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. (President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference)(SCLC), Walter Fauntroy (Washington Representative of the SCLC), Bayard Rustin and Harry Wachtel. X (U)

The conference was mainly concerned with King's appearance on the nationally televised program " Meet the Press " scheduled for that evening. X (U)

King stated that he expected to be questioned concerning his relationship with the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), specifically as to whether there is developing between SNCC and the SCLC and the extent to which Communism and irresponsible elements dominate the SNCC movement. King stated he is not aware of any left-wing Communist infiltration in the SNCC. X (U)

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[illegible] Hoover,
Montgomery County, Alabama
Voting Discrimination

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In Racial Matters

[illegible] advised that discussions had been held [illegible] the need for additional action in Alabama, and [illegible] discussion he was agreed that he would announce plans [illegible] an embargo on Alabama products when he appeared on [illegible] Union that evening. X (u)

Hoover advised that the Teamsters Union desires [illegible] some action and would perhaps stop trucks [illegible] into Alabama. He cautioned however that for various [illegible] it is not desirable that it be a joint SCLC and [illegible] project but that talks are presently being held [illegible] Teamster officials. X (u)

Communist Influence In Racial Matters

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a Fortune article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights". In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1935, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party". He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

The YCL was soon designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1 column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 19, 20, 1964, that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates. X (4)

Communist Influence In Racial Matters

He sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Austin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Austin was to speak. (U)

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The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, [illegible], reported that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964. U

Communist Influence In Racial Matters

Jack Rabinowitz is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York. He resides at 29 Split Rock Drive, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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[illegible] NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

[illegible] "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publi= [illegible], revised and published as of January 2, 1957, to [illegible] published on May 14, 1951, by the Committee [illegible]-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, [illegible] D. C., contains the following information concern- [illegible] "The National Lawyers Guild:"

[illegible] listed as a Communist front.
([illegible] Committee on Un-American Activities, House [illegible] Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 28, 1944, p. 149).

[illegible] listed as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal [illegible] of the Communist Party, its front organi- [illegible] called [illegible] " and which "since its inception [illegible] the legal defense of the [illegible] and [illegible] members thereof, [illegible] [illegible]." (Committee on Un-American [illegible] House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers [illegible] 21, 1950, originally released September 1950).

[illegible] "To [illegible] the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts [illegible] have developed making special appeals in behalf [illegible] civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the [illegible] of the Communist Party itself. Among [illegible] organizations are: National Lawyers' [illegible]. When the Communist Party itself is under [illegible] these offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, P. 91.)

[redacted]

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C, D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL (U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1186

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[redacted]
West Mesa Air Force Sta.
Albuquerque, N. Mex.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I've been requested by some of my friends to find out, from you, if Rev. Martin Luther King has any Communistic affiliations.

In all fairness to him or any citizen, I feel it a grave injustice to accuse them of such actions without proof.

Any information with which you could furnish me would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Address on envelope:

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Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87105

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THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929, Rev. King, Jr. was named Michael Luther King, Jr. In 1935 his father, the Rev. Michael Luther King, Sr., changed his first name and that of his son to the one by which he is now known.

Rev. King, Sr., a highly respected Negro Baptist minister, was pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia. He had married Alberta Williams, the daughter of a minister. She was a well educated, refined girl of a fine religious family.

Rev. King, Sr. had a very large congregation in Atlanta, and was influential in the Atlanta community. He enjoyed a good income, was respected by white and colored alike, and, while always seeking to better the living conditions and opportunities of the Negro community, he always abided by the law and never became involved in agitation movements; nor would he allow himself to be swayed by "carpet-baggers."

King, Jr. was raised in a home where he had every comfort and security. He had the advantage of a devoutly religious family and seemed destined to follow in his father's footsteps, until he met up with other influences in college. In 1944 Martin Luther King, Jr. entered Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he remained until he obtained his A. B. Degree in 1948. While there, he came under the influence of the President of the College, Benjamin E. Mays. Mays had already been affiliated with communist fronts.

He had supported Harry Bridges, had favored commissioning communists in the armed forces. While King was at Morehouse College, Mays became so interested in the communists that he lent his name on April 21, 1947 as a Negro leader in defense of the Communist Party. In the book, "Thirteen for Christ," a chapter on King was written by John Howard Griffin, author of "Black Like Me," in which we read (Pages 33-34 of "Thirteen for Christ"), "A strongly athletic, physically robust, life loving youth, he evidenced no obvious vocation for the ministry, but his concern for racial and economic justice was already substantial. Under the stimulus of such thinkers as Dr. Benjamin Mays and Dr. Samuel Williams it became far more profound." Dr. Mays by 1962 had piled up thirty-five affiliations with communist fronts and an important connection with the National Council of Churches.

In 1948 Martin Luther King, Jr. entered Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., and in 1951 received his Bachelor's Degree in Divinity and the Pearl Plafkner Award for Scholarship. While there he admittedly was influenced by Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, who preached there. Dr. Johnson was a great admirer of Mahatma Gandhi; and King, Jr. absorbed Dr. Johnson's eulogies of Gandhi. Dr. Johnson had already been active in many communist fronts and was an ardent believer in permitting communists to be officers in the armed forces.

King, Jr. then continued on in college at Boston University, as a Louis Crozier Fellow, obtaining his Ph. D. in 1955. He was also a special student at the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard University. Then as now, there was a shortage of qualified ordained ministers in the United States, and this is especially true in the South. In order to help overcome this shortage, several Bible Schools and Seminaries have made available three-year courses in order to get more ministers, evangelists and preachers into the field. In spite of the need of the people for ministers, King stayed in school for twenty-one years, ten of those years in colleges.

On June 17, 1953, Martin Luther King, Jr. married Miss Coretta Scott, a beautiful and talented young lady from Marion, Alabama. They had met and dated when she was a student at the New England Conservatory of Music. In 1954 King was offered the pastorate of two Baptist churches in the East and teaching posts in

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three colleges. He chose the pastorate of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. King and his wife have four children, one of them a son carrying on the now traditional name of Martin Luther King III.

After becoming established in his church, King founded the Montgomery Improvement Association and led a successful bus boycott. In 1956 TIME Magazine selected Martin Luther King, Jr. as one of the "outstanding personalities of 1956." On April 24, 1957 King accepted the 1957 Social Justice Award from the National Religion and Labor Foundation. This is the organization which published the blasphemous drawing of Jesus Christ as a "Criminal Wanted for Sedition." The National Religion and Labor Foundation had been exposed and cited as a communist front in 1944, thirteen years before King accepted their award, by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the 78th Congress.

That same year, on September 2, 1957, Martin Luther King, Jr. was a featured speaker for the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary Celebration. The Commission on Education of the State of Georgia cited the Highlander Folk School (after a full investigation) as being a "Communist Training School."

In March of 1957 King started the "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" with himself as President, the Rev. F. L. Shuttleworth as Secretary, and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy as Treasurer. All three have piled up an unenviable record of affiliation with pro-communist organizations and communist fronts. In the Congressional Record, October 21, 1963, Page A-6552, the Hon. J. D. Waggonner listed the communist-fronters in the NAACP, after which he stated, "I would like to add to that list 'Reverend' Fred Lee Shuttlesworth, convicted bootlegger and head of the communist front Southern Conference Educational Fund."

After 1957 Martin Luther King, Jr. became a national celebrity, getting tremendous publicity, often by arranging to get himself arrested and for a short time failing to post bond. The liberal press built him up into the hero of the oppressed colored masses in America. The following quotation from a communist document indicates his importance in the Struggle for Negro Rights.

From the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Appendix to Hearings dated June 10, 1960, Part IV, Pages 2338-2349, we quote the following copy of an official Communist Party document entitled "Draft Resolution October 25, 1959 by Pettis Perry. ". . . "To rally the masses against imperialism we need also slogans that correctly express the nature of today's struggle for Negro rights." . . "The right of Negroes to be the administrators of Civil Rights laws, interpreters of their provisions and enforcers and judges of violations, must be recognized. One of the movements that developed and shook the world in the field of Negro liberation. . . . is the Martin Luther King Improvement Association. This movement inspired Negroes of other cities to conduct similar struggles. So powerful was this movement, that the young Martin Luther King emerged five years ago from an obscure clergyman to prominence as an international figure. King, Abernathy, Shuttlesworth and other prominent ministers in the South are the most authorized spokesmen for this movement."

Martin Luther King, Jr. selected as his secretary at the Southern Leadership Conference Bayard Rustin, who worked in this capacity from March, 1957 until 1960. Rustin had already been convicted of and served a jail sentence for sex perversion and had also served more than two years in a federal prison rather than serve in the armed forces of our country. Rustin (who had been active in the Young Communist League) while working as King's secretary, attended the 1957 Convention of the Communist Party USA as an "observer." Other observers noted that Rustin was influencing King and that Rustin was in "good standing" with the highest echelons of the Communist Party.

In 1960, when Bayard Rustin moved on to bigger things, the communist influence in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference continued through King's hiring of a man who called himself Jack H. O'Dell, but was also known as Hunter Pitts O'Dell. King made O'Dell Educational Director for Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. O'Dell had been expelled from the National Maritime Union for communist activities. He was the Southern District Organizer for the Communist Party USA and operated out of Party Headquarters in New Orleans. He took the Fifth Amendment regarding his Communist Party membership and activities in Hearings before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. O'Dell, who became a close adviser and planner for Martin Luther King, Jr., was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party USA. (These facts were revealed by the St. Louis GLOBE DEMOCRAT, October 26, 1962.)

The same newspaper on January 12, 1964

quoted Gus Hall, Gen. Secreta[illegible] of the Communist Party USA, as saying at a meeting, "The United States is now moving strongly in the direction of communism. . . The Communist Party will run the United States eventually." In response to a question, Hall stated the Communist Party leaders in the United States "consult with and advise top Negro leaders in their Civil Rights campaigns." . . "Members of the Communist Party are very active in all the Negro organizations engaged in the Civil Rights struggle." Joseph Alsop, liberal columnist, warned in the N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, "The subject of real head-shaking is the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. His influence is very great. Yet he has accepted and is almost certainly still accepting communist collaboration and even communist advice."

Martin Luther King, Jr. became a "joiner" in order to gather new supporters from any possible source. He became a member of NAACP and CORE. He was Editor at Large for the CHRISTIAN CENTURY, a far-left publication exposed by the Church League of America in 1959. He became a member of the National Advisory Council of the Fellowship of Reconciliation of Nyack, N. Y. This is the group Bayard Rustin was working for when he was jailed for his sex deviations. Rustin was "Race Relations Director" for the organization.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a featured speaker for the War Resisters League of New York City which organization employed Bayard Rustin as National Secretary. Rustin had the honor of first introducing King to Kwame Nkrumah, communist dictator of Ghana. For several years King had been a member of the National Committee of the American Committee on Africa which sponsored a U. S. tour for communist Holden Roberto who admits that his communist followers, operating from the Congo, have raided villages in Angola and are responsible for the accompanying rapes, tortures, murders and mutilations. In fact, he says these things are necessary to accomplish his purpose.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was an admirer of the now cited Southern Conference Educational Fund of which identified communist Carl Braden was Field Secretary. When Braden was convicted of contempt of Congress King initiated a petition to Pres. Kennedy asking for clemency for him and solicited signers for the petition. In 1963 Rev. Shuttlesworth, King's close associate and secretary of his Southern Christian Leadership Conference, became president of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, active in twelve states, based in New Orleans. Shuttlesworth, the moonshiner and pro-communist, had become Pastor of the Revelat[illegible] Baptist Church at 1556 John Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Martin Luther King, Jr. became a member of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and signed numerous petitions for them, calling for suspension of nuclear weapons testing. On May 14, 1961 King signed a petition to President Kennedy denouncing the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Senate Internal Security Sub-committee. Earlier that year (January) he had signed petitions to Congress to abolish the H. C. U. A. One of these petitions appeared as an advertisement in the communist propaganda newspaper, THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN, on January 16, 1961.

King's close relationship to the communist front, the Southern Conference Educational Fund, was brought to light when their offices were raided by the New Orleans police and their files seized. Hearings held and reports issued by the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities showed the tie-in of Martin Luther King, Jr. and this communist front. In Report #4, issued November 19, 1963, Page 100, there is a photograph of King with three officers of S. C. E. F., all of whom are identified communists. On Page 101, Exhibit #44 is a check payable to Martin Luther King, Jr. personally and deposited by him in his S. C. L. C. Fund. Many other letters appear in these reports which show the close working agreement in the operation of King's S. C. L. C. and the New Orleans headquarters of the communist-front, S. C. E. F.

The communist paper, THE WORKER, on October 21, 1961 reported, "Rev. King Urges UN Admit People's China. . . The Rev. Martin Luther King favors admission of People's China to the UN, he said last week. Addressing a Freedom Forum in Schenectady, N. Y., the Rev King declared he could not understand why the U. S. 'objects to the admission of numerically the largest nation in the world without whose agreement there can be no peace.'"

On December 14, 1962, Rev. King, Jr. visited and had a conference with communist Ben Bella in a Harlem (New York City) hotel. In May, 1963, the highly respected INTELLIGENCE DIGEST AND WEEKLY REVIEW of England stated, "Two American Negro agitators were recently arrested in Birmingham, Alabama. Their names are Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy. These two men are expert professional riot-makers. They have been in contact with advisors in direct links with the Soviet Secret Service and extremist

African groups operating from [illegible]rope."

Martin Luther King's rabble-rousing (peaceful type, that is) in Birmingham in 1963 was supported loudly by the American communists and sympathizers. Negro author, James Baldwin, spoke in San Francisco in support of King. Addressing a large group at the Masonic Auditorium, he stated, "If I find myself castrated on the streets of Birmingham, which is not improbable, and the FBI moves in, which is extremely improbable, it could turn out that the person investigating the crime is the same person who committed it." (THE WORKER, 5/14/63) A rally was held under the auspices of the "Emergency Committee to Support Birmingham" (239 West 125 St., N. Y. C.) to support King and his efforts in Birmingham. The principal speaker was Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. Among the other speakers were James Farmer of CORE and the late Malcolm X. (THE WORKER, 5/14/63)

When the Birmingham, Alabama, disorders occurred as a result of King's (non-violent) efforts, the communist WORKER stated, "Gus Hall, head of the Communist Party USA, branded the effort of Governor George Wallace of Alabama to pin violence and disorder on the communists as a crude diversion and typical trickery of the ultra-right to cover their vile deeds by anti-communism. 'His threat to call in the HCUA only demonstrates his collaboration with the Dixicrat hoodlums.'" (5/14/63)

Speakers at rallies in support of King and his activities included Dr. Herbert Aptheker (member of the National Committee of the Communist Party USA), Mrs. Alva Buxenbaum (National Chairman of the communist Progressive Youth Organization), Elizabeth Gurley Flynn (late Secretary of the Communist Party USA). Dr. Ralph Bunche, Undersecretary of the UN, who has a long history of affiliation with communist fronts, sent a telegram to King "lauding" the Negroes of Birmingham and congratulating Rev. King, Jr., Rev. Shuttlesworth and Rev. Abernathy.

These Birmingham activities catapulted King into the big-time and were but rehearsals for the bigger events to come in Selma and the March for "Voter Registration." These events and the accompanying violence (caused by non-violent King) are prominent in the news of the day.

When the Northern Christian Leadership Conference, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, disbanded, Rev. C. W. Billingslea (Pres.) sent King a telegram in which he urged him to "reenter the pulpit and teach more of Christ and less of Gandhi." No finer advice can be given to this "[illegible]wing pacifist parson" than to go back to his pulpit, and abide by the teachings of Jesus Christ. When J. Edgar Hoover called him a "notorious liar" he was speaking the truth, a practice suggested for the Rev. Dr. King upon his return to the pulpit. Rev. King's honesty in financial matters did not stand up in an investigation conducted by tax auditors in Alabama in 1961, which disclosed that King had "failed to report" almost fifty percent of his income for the year 1956. He was forced to pay the additional taxes due and narrowly escaped jail as a tax-dodger.

Karl Prussion, who was a counter-spy for the FBI for thirteen years, made a sworn statement September 28, 1963, from which we quote in part, "I hereby also state that Martin Luther King has either been a member of, or wittingly has accepted support from, over sixty communist fronts, individuals and/or organizations which give aid to or espouse communist causes." One Louisiana authority who reviewed the material seized at the headquarters of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. in New Orleans, La., came to the considered opinion that Martin Luther King, Jr. is under the discipline of the Communist Party.

Why must honest sincere Negroes allow such a man to lead them into violence and law breaking? King himself admitted that the Voter Registration Drive, even if one hundred percent successful, will not solve the Negroes' problems. What it will do, however, is provide more people to be manipulated by him and his co-plotters, which is what he really wants. King wants power for himself, not rights for the Negro.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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A review of appropriate Knoxville files fails to reflect any information indicating KING'S presence at the Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., other than the occasion of the 25th Anniversary celebration at Highlander on the Labor Day weekend of 1957. File contains the photograph circulated by the Georgia Commission on Education, Atlanta, reportedly made of KING at Highlander Folk School (HFS) on this occasion. It is noted that file contains an article in the New York Times dated 7/7/57 reporting that HFS would hold its 25th Anniversary on the Labor Day weekend of 1957. It is reported that an interracial group of consultants and speakers have been invited to participate, among those being Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., Dr. ALONZO MONRON, president of Hampton Institute, and AUBREY WILLIAMS, Montgomery Farm Magazine, and former director National Youth Administration, Rev. C. K. STEELE, RALPH HELSTEIN, president of the United Packing House Workers, and C. CONRAD BROWNE of Koinonia Farms, described as an interracial religious settlement near Americus, Ga.

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The Knoxville News-Sentinel, Knoxville, Tenn., a daily publication, in issue 10/5/57, reported testimony by "an undercover agent" before the Georgia Commission on Education, pertaining to the meeting at Highlander. A member

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of the Commission stated that KING was one of those present and he described a photograph of KING. This photograph apparently was the one that was later circulated by the Georgia Commission on Education.

Pamphlet distributed by Highlander Folk School, Monteagle, Tenn., entitled "Highlander Clippings" contains excerpts from newspaper articles reporting the visit of Mrs. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT at Highlander on 6/17/58 and also items concerning the 25th Anniversary of the school. One item in this pamphlet contains an excerpt of an address by KING. This item is headed "The Look to the Future" by MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., Montgomery, Ala.," (an address delivered at the 25th Anniversary of HFS, Monteagle, Tenn., Labor Day 9/2/57)(transcribed from a tape recording). Mr. Chairman, Mr. Horton, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is a great privilege and a distinct honor for me to have the opportunity of being a part of the 25th Anniversary observance of the Highlander Folk School. I have long admired the noble purpose and creative work of this institution. For twenty-five years you have stood with dauntless courage and fearless determination. You have given the South some of its most responsible leaders in this great period of transition, and so I am happy to congratulate you today for all of your great work, and hope for you many more years of creative and meaningful work...."

Chattanooga News-Free Press, Chattanooga, Tenn., in issue 9/29/59 contained a news item reporting that HFS, whose main educational building had been padlocked as a "public nuisance" was trying to organize a "protest" by "friends" to the Tennessee Governor. It was reported that earlier in the month Highlander was found to have been selling beer to minors and adults without a license. It was reported the Rev. S. S. SEAY, Negro Executive Secretary of the Montgomery Improvement Association, Montgomery, Ala., had condemned the padlocking. It was noted in the article that KING was president of this association. The news item stated that in a publicity release from the MIA it was stated "the NAACP and its official family, MYLES HORTON and Highlander Folk School, MARTIN LUTHER KING,

Jr., and all who subscribe to principles of life advocated by these organizations and persons will not go unmolested by the opposition".

Reference is made to Memphis letter to Director dated 4/2/59 entitled "HIGHLANDER FOLK SCHOOL, IS - C", wherein it was transmitted a letterhead memo containing information obtained on a confidential basis [redacted] b7(D) The memo reflects information from records turned over to the Investigating Committee of the Tennessee State Legislature, which was inquiring into activities of HFS at Monteagle during the 1959 session of the Legislature. The information obtained came from a list of contributors maintained by the HFS on index cards. On this list appeared the name under Mobile "Rev. M. L. KING, Jr., Montgomery Improvement Assoc., 530 C. So. Union, Montgomery, Ala". It was reported these cards were broken down into sections of guarantors, funds, college service funds, unions and foundations. The card bearing KING'S name was reported to be under the section "guarantors". The source indicated that the word "guarantors" indicates the name was under a special section of names apparently made up of people who had guaranteed to contribute a certain amount periodically; however, this was not fully explained.

An article appearing in the Chattanooga Daily Times, Chattanooga, Tenn., in issue 2/23/61 datelined Atlanta, reported that the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Highlander Folk School had joined forces to train Negro leaders for the Civil Rights struggle. It was reported that KING was head of the SCLC and a conference spokesman was reported to have said eleven Negroes had completed a week's training at Highlander and another class was expected.

The article continued that some observers had said the affiliation of Dr. KING'S organization with Highlander raised serious questions of prestige for KING'S group. JAMES R. WOOD, Administrative Assistant to Dr. KING, said the SCLC is

aware of the problem but he asserted "we find no reason not to cooperate with any organization that is interested in the development of full citizenship for Americans which cannot be proved to have conducted itself in a manner which is not American or patriotic". It is noted that the article contained no information that KING was engaged in any capacity at the school.

Knoxville letter to Director 8/13/63 entitled "HIGHLANDER RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER, INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)" reported that on 8/12/63, [redacted] made available names of instructors, directors and sponsors of the Highlander Research and Education Center (successor to Highlander Folk School). Among a list of approximately 25 names given as sponsors appeared the name of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. b7(D)

Knoxville files also contain a photostatic copy of a letterhead of the Highlander Education and Research Center dated May, 1964, reflects among approximately 90 Highlander sponsors listed on the letterhead the name Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. A review of the file reflects that the names Highlander Education and Research Center and Highlander Research and Education Center are used interchangably. A pamphlet of HREC indicates that among approximately 90 sponsors in the fall of 1963 KING is also listed.

The file review fails to reflect the identity of any established reliable source who might be contacted in connection with the matter of KING'S presence at the school.

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To: SAC, Atlanta (100-5586)

From: Director, FBI (100-106670)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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Reurairtel 4-14-65 which reported a number of items of information concerning King's plans in the near future. It was stated that because specific data was lacking as to some of the plans and because the purposes of King's travels were stated only in generalities, no letterhead memorandum (LHM) was being submitted.

By return airtel, submit an LHM incorporating the information contained in re airtel. Where necessary, include qualifications and other indications of uncertainty.

For your future guidance, information such as contained in re airtel necessitates being included in a LHM so that it may be promptly disseminated by the Bureau. The information not only deals with King's personal plans but also with other such important matters in the civil rights field as King's meeting with his staff in Selma, Alabama, and his meetings with other groups throughout the country.

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Bozeman, Montana 59715

Dear [redacted] b7(c)

On April 12th Mr. Hoover received your note enclosing a copy of the letter to the Attorney General signed by you and your husband, and asked me to thank you for your expression of confidence in him.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: An in-absence letter was sent 3-10-64 in connection with her inquiry about a nationally known communist. Her enclosed letter to the Attorney General expressed confidence in Mr. Hoover as being the only man in Washington who can be trusted; however, she attributes literature from the Director received by her in the past year as stating that communism has made great headway in our schools in the past year. In view of the potential controversy she can stimulate, an in-absence reply is deemed appropriate.

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r. J. Edgar Hoover:

In response to a number of requests I am sending you the attached letter which is a copy of one I am sending to r. Katzenbach.

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Attorney General of the U.S.A.
Nicholas deB. Katzenback
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Dear Mr. Katzenbach:

We are, I am sure, what you would undoubtedly term average American citizens, and we are convinced that you people back in Washington, D.C. donot realize or do not care about just what this means.

For instance, you have been quoted as stating that you donot think that there are communists or communistically inclined people involved in the too many uprisings, demonstrations, and flaunting of the laws of the land throughout the entire United States, with practically no objections from Washington.

We can assure you that we have very different reports from many different reliable sources and are deeply concerned, especially for the future of our children and their children.

We know the facts about Hungary and Korea and as yet the very uncertainty in Viet Nam, none of which reflecst the true spirit of staunch and true Americanism.

We also know the facts about Alger Hiss, the red herring, the Bay of Pigs et al. We also know that Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has publicly stated that there are communists working in all the recent and present fiascoes. Just what is wrong with a Senator like Church of Idaho who writes in Look magazine that there no longer is any communisn in our Public Schools when within the past year I received from Mr. Hoover literature stating that Communism made great headway in our schools in the past year? And he did NOT say that it had lessoned one bit recently.

What about Austin, who has been foremost in almost all demonstrations? He was scheduled to speak here at our Montana State College a few years ago and the American Legion protested strongly albeit unsuccessfully to the then President R.R.Renne because of Austin's immorality and communism.

What about the Reuther brothers having been indoctrinated for four years in Russia itself?

And what about Martin Luther King? We have a picture of him taking part in communistic training school in Monteagle, Tennessee occupying positions both as speaker and member of the school attendants.

We are deeply grieved to have to admit that the only man in Washington in whom we have absolute faith is Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, whom we instinctively know stands for truth for truths sake and not for political expediency or self aggrandizement.

How can we have a shred of faith in a Supreme Court that tears our near perfect Constitution to shreds, so that even our police forces state publicly that they cannot enforce justice or maintain order under the new, outlandish changes made by the Court? To say nothing of taking away States' rights in too many matters to renumerate.

We also know what happened along the roads in the recent Selma march, despite your controlled press. What was done to even try to prevent such depraved acts along a public highway?? NOTHING.

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[illegible] resident is [illegible] in [illegible] for the [illegible], laws which deny the constitution. [illegible] left to prevent our falling under a complete socialistic or [illegible] dictatorship. Nothing that we can find these days.

All of the men in our immediate family have served in the Armed Forces, totalling more than [illegible] years and we feel that they and all the thousands of others who served and even died for our country deserve better consideration and treatment from our Government than they are getting. Their future is under a vast and horrible cloud because of the [illegible] [illegible] of thought generally accepted throughout the country from the [illegible] H.

In plain English we are disgusted and ashamed of too much that the men in our Government are standing for and doing these days. The Ku Klux Klan is a far lesser menace to our country than are protected communists parading as Americans throughout the [illegible].

If you do not reply to this letter, we will assume that either you have not read it or that you are not concerned about the American people, but what they feel and think.

Yours very truly,

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ON APRIL THIRTEEN LAST, REVEREND VIRGIL A. WOOD, PRESIDENT MASS. SCLC (SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE), ANNOUNCED THROUGH NEWS MEDIA THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WILL LEAD A MARCH ON BOSTON AN APRIL TWENTY THREE NEXT BEGINNING AT NINE THIRTY A.M. AT CARTER PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY, ENDING WITH A FREEDOM RALLY ON BOSTON COMMON. MARCH WILL REPLACE RALLY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR BOSTON ARENA THAT EVENING.

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TO DIRECTOR /100-106670/ AND ATLANTA /100-5586/

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SM - C.

RE ST. LOUIS AIRTEL APRIL TEN, LAST.

ST. LOUIS RADIO ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WOULD NOT APPEAR IN ST. LOUIS ON THE ADVICE OF HIS PHYSICIAN.

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Re St. Louis airtel 4/10/65.

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St. Louis, Missouri

April 14, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

It was announced over St. Louis radio station KXOK that Martin Luther King was not coming to St. Louis April 14 and 15, 1965, as planned. The reason announced was due to advice from his physician that he needed rest.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM: SAC, St. Louis (100-17801) (P)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
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OO: Atlanta

Re Bulet to Atlanta 2/2/65.

Enclosed are 8 copies of letterhead memorandum for the Bureau and two for Atlanta regarding the visit of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., to St. Louis.

The Bureau and Atlanta will be kept advised.

Just kiss, see St L tel 4/14/65

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St. Louis, Missouri

April 10, 1965

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis announced April 9, 1965, that Martin Luther King, Jr., will be the speaker on Wednesday and Thursday, April 14 and 15, 1965, at 12:10 p.m. at the Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Missouri.

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Woodhaven 21, New York

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 5th, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your inquiries, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice and is available for official use only. Therefore, I trust you will understand why I am not in a position to comment specifically along the lines you have mentioned. I would like to point out, however, that Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Enclosed is some literature I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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April 5, 1965

F.B.I.
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RE: Martin Luther King

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Thank you

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WALL STREET STATION
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MARTIN LUTHER KING....AT COMMUNIST TRAINING SCHOOL

The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia, at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee during the Labor Day week-end of 1957. The photographer was sent to the Highlander Folk School by the Georgia Commission on Education. The Highlander Folk School was abolished by an act of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee at a later date because it was charged with being a subversive organization.

Those numbered in the picture are:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham riots. Karl Prussion, a counterspy for the FBI for twenty-two years, charges that Martin Luther King belongs to sixty Communist-front organizations — more than any Communist in the United States. He is promoted and encouraged by the Kennedys.
2. Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party.
3. Aubrey Williams, President of the Southern Conference Education Fund, Inc., The Transmission Belt in the South for the Communist Party.
4. Myles Horton, Director of Highlander Folk School for Communist Training, Monteagle, Tennessee.

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Karl Prussion

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of Sept, 1965.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires Sept 17 1966

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ReBulet to NY, 3/29/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above; three copies are enclosed for Atlanta.

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Sources used in the LHM are as follows:

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Special Agents who observed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., with HARRY BELAFONTE on 4/4/65, were [redacted] b7(c)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
New York, New York
April 8, 1965

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The "New York Herald Tribune" of April 5, 1965, contains an article captioned " 'Answer to Selma' Benefit Raises Record $150,000" by John Molleson. According to the article, "Broadway Answers Selma", was a benefit staged on the evening of April 4, 1965, at the Majestic Theater which brought together the stars of virtually every Broadway show and some of the great stars of past shows to give a ringing lesson in integration and to raise about $150,000 for the cause of freedom. It was pointed out that tickets for the benefit which was staged by Hillard Elkins, sold for $1,000 to $5 and according to the article the proceeds were said to be the highest for a single benefit performance in the history of the theater. (u)

Among the beneficiaries of the performance were the family of the Reverend James J. Reeb (the minister who was recently killed in Alabama while there in the cause of civil rights), the Voter Education Program of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is President), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the L. and M. Rabinovitz Fund of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). (u)

It was stated in the article that in a box at the right of the theater sat Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., who was loudly applauded when he entered from the balcony level. (u)

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Approximately sixty performers appeared in the three hour show which was held in the Majestic Theater, the use of which was contributed by the Shuberts. Services for the affair were donated by stagehands, electricians, musicians, press agents, managers and producers.

The show began with Sammy Davis introducing Mayor Wagner. The performances were sheer entertainment, consisting of songs, skits, monologues.

The following is a list of people who participated in the show:

Victor Borge
Carol Burnett
Carol Channing
Maurice Chevalier
Sir John Gielgud
Buddy Hackett
Robert Preston
Barbara Streisand
Eli Wallach
Art Carney
Ethel Merman
Elizabeth Allen
Sergio Franchi
Irene Worth
Martin Gabel
Herschel Bernardi
Chita Rivera
Nancy Dussault
Walter Matthav
Ulla Sallert
Billy Daniels
Tiger Haynes
Comden and Green
(Betty Comden and Adolph Green)
Irene Dailey

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Dick Shawn
Ruby Dee
Steve Lawrence
Eydie Gorme
Barbara Cook
Barry Gray
Inga Swenson
Louis Gossett
"Golden Boy" singers and dancers
Fritz Weaver
Tom Bosley
Leonid Hambro
Don Porter
Alan Arkin
Karen Morrow
Bethel Leslie
Dan Dailey
Sydney Chaplin
Diana Sands
Martin Sheen
Anne Jackson
Martha Scott
Maria Karnilova
Paul Lipson
Richard Kiley
David Burns
Elliot Lawrence

On April 6, 1965, the first confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information that Stanley Levison contacted Clarence Jones on that date. Levison mentioned that he had seen Martin (Martin Luther King, Jr.) at the benefit on Sunday night.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Martin Luther King departing from the Majestic Theater in the company of Harry Belafonte. u

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Francis Oliver McGowan, 108 East 82nd Street, New York City, advised on September 12, 1950, that Martin Gabel was the Assistant Chairman of a National Council of American Soviet Friendship Rally held at Madison Square Garden on November 16, 1944.

The National Council of American Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The "Daily Worker", October 29, 1942, page six, in a column "What's On", lists one Leonid Hambro as an entertainer at the School for Democracy.

A characterization of the "School for Democracy" is set forth in the appendix pages.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist newspaper which ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

The "Daily Worker", September 6, 1949, page two, column four, reported that Leonid Hambro, pianist, appeared at the Paul Robeson Concert at Peekskill, New York.

The late city edition, "The New York Times", December 23,1963, reported that Paul Robeson left the United States on July 10, 1958, after an eight year legal fight on a Supreme Court ruling to obtain a passport.

According to the article, Robeson once said he loved "the Soviet people more than any other nation because of their suffering and sacrifice for us, the Negro people, the progressive people, the people of the future in this world". It added that most of the questions directed at Robeson on his arrival in New York City, on December 22, 1963, were answered by his wife, who told reporters that her husband still thinks Communism is "terrific".

APPENDIX

"MORNING FREIHEIT"

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning "Morning Freiheit":

"Morning Freiheit

"1. The Communist International 'subsidized * * * the founding of the CPUSA's newspaper, Freiheit.'
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 51-101, Modified Report with respect to the Communist Party of the United States of America, December 18, 1956, p. 159.)

"2. A 'Communist Yiddish daily.'
(Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE, Congressional Record, September 24, 1942, p. 7686.)

"3. 'The Freiheit has been one of the rankest organs of Communist propaganda in this country for almost a quarter of a century.'
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 75.)"

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The "Daily Worker", page seven, column one, March 29, 1957, lists Leonide Hambro as the piano soloist at the 35th Anniversary Concert of the "Morning Freiheit" to be held at Carnegie Hall on April 13, 1957.

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2. APPENDIX

SCHOOL FOR DEMOCRACY

the Jefferson School of Social Science)." The above "was established by Communist teachers ousted from the public school system of New York City."
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, pp. 89 and 168.)

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"SCHOOL FOR DEMOCRACY"

1. "As a result of the investigations into alleged subversive activities of teachers of the New York City public schools by the Rapp-Coudert Committee of the New York State Legislature in or about 1940, a number of teachers resigned, or were suspended or dismissed by the Board of Election from their teaching posts in New York schools and colleges.

"At the annual spring conference of the Teachers Union of New York City in 1940, at which approximately 51 teachers who had been dismissed or who had resigned as a result of the investigation were present, the idea of a so-called School for Democracy was put forth and found general acceptance.***

"*** Of the organizers and original faculty of the School for Democracy, about one third have been identified in the record as members of the Communist Party, and several of those so identified have been established as functionaries of the Party's educational apparatus***."

"It is found that the School for Democracy in New York City was a Communist Party-controlled institution utilized by the Party to propagate Marxism-Leninism on a broad basis among the masses of people.***"

"The evidence shows that the Communist Party formed the Jefferson School of Social Science by merging the School for Democracy and the New York Workers School."
(Subversive Activities Control Board, Docket No. 107-53, Report and Order with respect to the Jefferson School of Social Science, June 30, 1955, pp. 3-5.)

2. "In 1941, the Communists established a school in New York City which was known as the School for Democracy (now merged with the Workers School into

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April 8, 1965

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[redacted]
Bronx, New York 10471 b7(c)

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 3rd, with enclosures, has been received.

It is encouraging to know of your high regard for the work of the FBI, and I appreciate your kind comments in my behalf. You may be sure this Bureau will continue to make every effort to discharge its responsibilities with diligence, completeness and objectivity.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that Karl Prussion assisted the FBI by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated. He was not a Special Agent of this Bureau. We are not in a position to comment on his current activities, statements or personal ventures in any way whatsoever.

Thank you for furnishing the affidavit concerning this individual along with the Declaration of Conscience. These copies are being returned to you.

Sincerely yours,
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NOTE: Neither correspondent nor [redacted] is identifiable in Bufiles. Representative Jonathan B. Bingham, Democratic representative from New York, elected November 3, 1964, and considered to be liberal, was one of 29 Democratic representatives of Congress who voted against an appropriation for HCUA on February 25, 1965. The Catholic Worker, founded in 1933 by Dorothy Day, described as radical and anticapitalistic, has no connection with the Catholic Church. Day is an admitted anarchist and pacifist. The Committee for Nonviolent Action is a well-known pacifist organization formed in 1957. The Student Peace Union, a described pacifist organization, claims members on 120 college and university campuses. The War Resisters League, a pacifist group, is the American branch of the War Resisters International League and was established in the United States during 1924.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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The latest attack on you by Martin Luther King, I believe, was just another attempt at destroying the F.B.I.

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I would like to know, for myself, if you know of this affidavit or of Karl Prussion. While I believe that King is working for the communist cause, either knowingly or unknowingly, I still hesitate accepting such an affidavit without checking on its authenticity.

We suggested that Mr. Bingham check with you but this was ignored.

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I hope that the F.B.I. will always continue in its fine tradition of service to our country and that the leadership you have shown will be model for the future.

Yours truly,

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Karl Prussion

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires Sept. 17, 1966

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Declaration Of Conscience
AGAINST THE WAR IN VIETNAM

Because the use of the military resources of the United States in Vietnam and elsewhere suppresses the aspirations of the people for political independence and economic freedom;

Because inhuman torture and senseless killing are being carried out by forces armed, uniformed, trained and financed by the United States;

Because we believe that all peoples of the earth, including both Americans and non-Americans, have an inalienable right to life, liberty, and the peaceful pursuit of happiness in their own way; and

Because we think that positive steps must be taken to put an end to the threat of nuclear catastrophe and death by chemical or biological warfare, whether these result from accident or escalation --

We hereby declare our conscientious refusal to cooperate with the United States government in the prosecution of the war in Vietnam.

We encourage those who can conscientiously do so to refuse to serve in the armed forces and to ask for discharge if they are already in.

Those of us who are subject to the draft ourselves declare our own intention to refuse to serve.

We urge others to refuse and refuse ourselves to take part in the manufacture or transportation of military equipment, or to work in the fields of military research and weapons development.

We shall encourage the development of other nonviolent acts, including acts which involve civil disobedience, in order to stop the flow of American soldiers and munitions to Vietnam.

NOTE: *Signing or distributing this Declaration of Conscience might be construed as a violation of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, which prohibits advising persons facing the draft to refuse service. Penalties of up to 5 years imprisonment, and/or a fine of $5,000 are provided. While prosecutions under this provision of the law almost never occur, persons signing or distributing this declaration should face the possibility of serious consequences.*

NAME ADDRESS

12.12.80 SPWPM

Some of those who hav
signed this Declaration-

J. Malvern Benjamin, Jr
The Rev. Lloyd A. Ber
Rev. Dan Berrigan, S.
Rev. Philip Berrigan, S.S.
Kay Boy
James Brist
Emile Capo
Gordon Christians
William C. David
Dorothy D
David Dellinge
Barbara Demin
Ralph DiG
Lawrence Ferlinghe
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Erich From
Maxwell Geism
Rabbi Everett E. Gendl
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Please return signed petitions to one of the sponsoring organizations listed below.

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175 Chrystie Street
(Att: Tom Cornell)
New York, N. Y. 10002

Committee for Nonviolent Action
325 Lafayette Street
New York, N. Y. 10012

Student Peace Union
5 Beekman Street, Room 1029
New York, N. Y. 10038

War Resisters League
5 Beekman Street, Room 16
New York, N. Y. 10038

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